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SENATOR MOYLAN: They are using it. That is what I say. This is permissive legislation for the school board.

SENATOR SKARDA: Yea, yea I know. For the people of Omaha.

SENATOR MOYLAN: It's a direct expenditure, you are talking about.

SENATOR SKARDA: That's what it is.

SENATOR MOYLAN: Yes, that's the way--

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR FRANK LEWIS: Mr. Chairman, I think that Senator Skarda's made a reasonable request, that we look in terms of all legislation and I'll say, frankly, that I favor the permissive legislation to allow the people to provide quality schools for children but I do believe that there is certainly an inner relationship with state aid and I would be favorable to disposing, particularly Senator Skarda, in regard to state aid and this particular bill since they are part of-- the same parts. But I certainly think that we're going to have to provide some kind of relief for the Omaha school district and to provide some kind of a method whether it is a planned capital improvement program for them. So again, I favor LB 10 but I have no objection to taking that up as a total package with state aid to education which is. I think, the crucial issue at this point.

SPEAKER: The chair recognizes Senator Whitney.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Mr. President, as I understand it, Senator Skarda said it is OK to take up this particular bill first prior to all the others later on. I can't see any difference between later on and right now if we are going to take up this bill first.

SPEAKER: Senator Skarda. Excuse me, Senator Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: I just remarked that there is a difference because we don't know whether any bills on state aid are going to be before this body. There is none on General File now, are there?

UNIDENTIFIED: Are you asking me that question? There is none on there now but you know, Senator Proud, there is going to be at least one bill on this floor.

SENATOR PROUD: Well, that assumes something that is up to the committee and the body. You are probably right, but we can't be sure of that can we?

UNIDENTIFIED: Yes, I can be certain of that.

SPEAKER: Senator Stahmer, I hesitate to call on you because the rules say that you can't speak more than twice on the issue before us except by explanation. Now, are you to explain some point here in the bill. Alright, the chair recognizes Senator Stahmer.

SENATOR STAHMER: I'll try to explain this whole situation. I'm willing to have 10 heard after the state aid bills are heard if that is agreeable with Senator Skarda and clear up the big issues first. And then if we vote for them or against them, then we can consider this issue but I do believe that the--as gentlemen we ought to agree to get this thing voted on one way or another in time for it to be passed or not passed and not wait till the last day.

SPEAKER: Senator Keyes are you through speaking? Senator Keyes.